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June 21, 2013

Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital
c/o CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service Co.
601 Abbot Road
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Re: New England Compounding Center Litigation, MDL No. 2419

To Whom It May Concern:

As you are aware, last year New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. (NECP) d/b/a the New England Compounding Center (NECC) distributed tainted medication to various clinics throughout the country, specifically in Tennessee. Hundreds, if not thousands, of patients have been injured as a result of exposure to tainted NECC products. The most recent Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports verify that over 700 patients have confirmed illnesses related to their exposure to tainted NECC pharmaceuticals, and over 240 people have confirmed cases of meningitis. Fifty-eight people have died.

According to the CDC, Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital purchased and received preservative free methylprednisolone acetate from at least one of the three contaminated lots distributed by NECC.

The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation created a multi-district litigation forum in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts to address federal lawsuits alleging harm related to products manufactured by NECC (No. 1:13-md-2419-FDS). The Honorable Judge Saylor appointed seven firms to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) and appointed Thomas M. Sobol of Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, as Lead Counsel.

MDL Order No. 2 provides for the involvement of Lead Counsel "in any class or group settlement discussions, whether with a single defendant or multiple defendants, whether taking place in the MDL or the bankruptcy." (*Id.* at §7). The order also provides that the PSC shall have authority "to negotiate and propose settlement of case on behalf of plaintiffs or plaintiff groups, including exploring and, where appropriate, pursuing all settlement options concerning any claim or portion thereof of any case filed in this litigation." (*Id.* at §8(D)(1)).

Together, Lead Counsel and the PSC are charged with:

1. Initiating, coordinating, and conducting all pretrial discovery on behalf of plaintiffs in all actions subject to this order;

2. Developing and proposing to the Court schedules for the commencement, execution, and completion of all discovery on behalf of all plaintiffs;

3. Issuing in the name of all plaintiffs the necessary discovery requests, motions, and subpoenas concerning any witnesses and documents needed to prepare for the trial of this litigation (similar requests, motions, and subpoenas may be caused to be issued by the PSC upon written request by an individual attorney in order to assist him or her in the preparation of the pretrial stages of his or her client's particular claims); and

4. Conducting all discovery, by members or their designees approved by Lead Counsel, in a coordinated and consolidated manner on behalf and for the benefit of all plaintiffs.

NECC has filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Lead Counsel and the PSC are coordinating their efforts with the Official Creditors' Committee and its counsel, and will share with the Creditors' Committee all appropriate information you produce in response to the attached subpoena. The PSC and Lead Counsel are committed to working hand-in-hand with the Creditors' Committee to explore potential bankruptcy solutions, and Lead Counsel and the Creditors' Committee will be involved in any settlement discussions.

Attached are a subpoena and a notice of deposition requesting information about your purchase, storage, and use of NECC products.

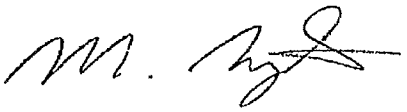
The subpoena requests some information that is protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and other privacy laws. We have asked Judge Saylor to enter an order in the MDL governing the production of this protected health information. (Dkt. Nos. 180-181). Once the order has been entered, we will identify a HIPAA-compliant vendor to receive (only) protected health information that is responsive to this subpoena. All other responsive information should be produced in accordance with the instructions in the subpoena.

We have also asked Judge Saylor to enter an order confirming that he will centrally enforce all subpoenas and instructing subpoena recipients to file any objections or motions to quash directly into the MDL. (Dkt. No. 182). Judge Saylor will hear any objections to subpoenas at the July 18, 2013 MDL status conference. (Dkt. No. 183).

If the date and time reflected in the subpoena are not convenient, please contact my office and we will work with you and your counsel to identify a mutually convenient place, date, and time.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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AO 88A (Rev. 06/09) Subpoena to Testify at a Deposition in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Massachusetts

In re: New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc.	)	
Plaintiff	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. MDL 1:13-md-02419
	)	
	)	(If the action is pending in another district, state where:
Defendant	)	)

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital, c/o CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service Co., 601 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823

☑ *Testimony:* **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to appear at the time, date, and place set forth below to testify at a deposition to be taken in this civil action. If you are an organization that is *not* a party in this case, you must designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or designate other persons who consent to testify on your behalf about the following matters, or those set forth in an attachment:

See Exhibit A

Place:	Date and Time:
Marc E. Lipton, Lipton Law, 18930 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 3000, Southfield, MI 48075	07/15/2013 11:00 am

The deposition will be recorded by this method: Stenographically and/or videographically

☑ *Production:* You, or your representatives, must also bring with you to the deposition the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and permit their inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

See Exhibit B

The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena, and Rule 45 (d) and (e), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so, are attached.

Date: 06/21/2013

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk	/s/ Marc. E. Lipton *Attorney's signature*

The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the attorney representing *(name of party)* Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Marc E. Lipton, Lipton Law, 18930 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 3000, Southfield, MI 48075, marc@liptonlaw.com

Civil Action No. MDL 1:13-md-02419

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)

This subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____

was received by me on *(date)* _____ .

☐ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named individual as follows: _____

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_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

☐ I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____

_____ .

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also tendered to the witness fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of

$ _____ .

My fees are $ _____ for travel and $ _____ for services, for a total of $ 0.00 .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

_____
Server's signature

_____
Printed name and title

_____
Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), and (e) (Effective 12/1/07)

(c) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena.

(1) ***Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions.*** A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The issuing court must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction — which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees — on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) ***Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.***

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises — or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

(i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the issuing court for an order compelling production or inspection.

(ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) ***Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.***

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the issuing court must quash or modify a subpoena that:

(i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;

(ii) requires a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer to travel more than 100 miles from where that person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person — except that, subject to Rule 45(c)(3)(B)(iii), the person may be commanded to attend a trial by traveling from any such place within the state where the trial is held;

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or

(iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the issuing court may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

(i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information;

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party; or

(iii) a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer to incur substantial expense to travel more than 100 miles to attend trial.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(c)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

(i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and

(ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(d) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) ***Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information.*** These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) ***Claiming Privilege or Protection.***

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

(i) expressly make the claim; and

(ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information to the court under seal for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(e) Contempt. The issuing court may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena. A nonparty's failure to obey must be excused if the subpoena purports to require the nonparty to attend or produce at a place outside the limits of Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(ii).

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE: NEW ENGLAND COMPOUNDING PHARMACY, INC. PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	)	MDL No. 1:13-md-02419
This Document Relates To: All Cases	)	Hon. F. Dennis Saylor, IV

NOTICE OF DEPOSITION *DUCES TECUM*
OF NON-PARTY SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN SURGICAL HOSPITAL

Please take notice that on July 15, 2013, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the offices of Lipton Law, 18930 West Ten Mile Road, Suite 3000, Southfield, Michigan 48075, the deposition of Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital will be taken upon oral examination by one or more attorneys of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the pending MDL, pursuant to Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the purpose of discovery or for use as evidence in this action, and before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will be taken by stenographic and/or video means.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Rules 30 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the non-party deponent(s) shall produce, at the time of deposition, documents identified in the attached Exhibit B.

Duty to designate. By designating a representative, the organization indicates its representative has the authority to speak on its behalf on the matters listed in this Notice – not only to facts, but also to subject beliefs and opinions.[1]

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[1] *Lapenna v. Upjohn Co.*, 110 F.R.D. 15, 20 (E.D. Pa. 1986); *See also Alexander v. Fed. Bureau of Investigation*, 186 F.R.D. 148, 151-52 (D.D.C. 1999); *Mitsui & Co. v. Puerto Rico Water Res. Autho.*,93 F.R.D. 62, 66-67 (D.P.R. 1981).

Duty to substitute. If it becomes clear that the chosen representative is unable to respond to questions on the matters for which he or she has been designated, the organization must immediately provide a substitute knowledgeable witness. This is required even if the initial designation was made in good faith. [2]

Duty to prepare. The testimony elicited in the deposition represents the organization's knowledge, not the individual deponent's knowledge. The organization must conduct a thorough investigation in response to the deposition notice and must prepare any witness to testify to all matters "known or reasonably available to the organization." Therefore, if the organization's designee is not knowledgeable about the matters specified in the deposition notice, it must nonetheless prepare such designee to give knowledgeable, binding answers.[3]

"Reasonably available" information includes all documents that the organization has the authority, legal right, or practical ability to obtain. An inadequately prepared designated witness will amount to an impermissible refusal to answer and a sanctionable failure to appear. [4]

Scope of inquiry. The description contained in the deposition notice simply identifies the minimum to which a witness must be prepared to testify. If an examining

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[2] *See Marker v. Union Fidelity Life*, 125 F.R.D. 121, 126 (M.D.N.C. 1989).

[3] *United States v. Taylor*, 166 F.R.D. 356, 361 (M.D.N.C. 1996).

[4] *Prokosch v. Catalina Lighting, Inc.*, 193 F.R.D. 633, 637 (D. Minn. 2000) (citing *Lumber v. PPG Industries, Inc.*, 168 F.R.D. 641, 643 n. 1 (D. Minn. 1966); *See Black Horse Lane Assoc., L.P. v. Down Chem. Corp.*, 228 F. 3d 275, 303-04 (3d Cir. 2000); *Resolution Trust Corp. v. S. Union Co.*, 985 F. 2d 196, 197 (5th Cir. 1993); *Taylor*, 166 F.R.D. at 363; *Marker v. Union Fidelity Life Ins. Co.*, 125 F.R.D. 121, 126 (M.D.N.C. 1989).

party asks questions outside the scope of the matters described in the notice, general deposition rules govern.

DESIGNATION OF TESTIMONY AND PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

The designated matters upon which examination is requested are as follows:

1. To provide testimony regarding those individuals involved in the production of documents.
2. To provide testimony regarding the efforts made and the time expended in the production of documents.
3. To provide testimony regarding the methods of search and methods of production of documents produced.
4. To provide testimony regarding the authenticity of documents produced.
5. To provide testimony regarding the methods of storage, entry, and use of computer data, and the method by which it has been produced.
6. To provide testimony regarding the location and methods of storage of corporate documents.
7. To provide testimony regarding the existence of documents.
8. To provide testimony regarding the electronic creation, duplication and/or storage of the documents.
9. To provide testimony regarding any and all document retention/destruction policies that would relate to any of the documents.
10. To provide testimony regarding the searchability of databases for the extraction of information.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

/s/ Marc E. Lipton
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Exhibit B to Subpoena

1. Any and all documents and/or electronically stored information ("ESI") reflecting, and/or related in any way whatsoever to, the procurement of methylprednisolone acetate ("MPA") and any other injectable steroid preparations from New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. ("NECP") during the two-year period immediately preceding October 6, 2012, including without limitation of the foregoing, information reflecting dates of shipment and/or receipt, quantities of shipment, lot numbers and other identifying labels, sizes of containers of steroid preparation, the cost you paid for the steroid preparation, applicable warranties, shelf life, expiration dates, requirements and instructions for shipment and/or storage, and the specific identity of the preparation being purchased. Also including account information, prescriptions submitted to NECP, prescription order forms, NECP charges for MPA (before and after any discounts applied).

2. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting, and/or related in any way whatsoever to, the procurement of MPA, or its generic or name-brand equivalent, from any producer, compounding facility or manufacturer other than NECP, since October 6, 2007, including without limitation of the foregoing, information reflecting dates of shipment and/or receipt, quantities of shipment, lot numbers and other identifying labels, sizes of containers of the product, the cost you paid for the product, applicable warranties, shelf life, expiration dates, requirements and instructions for shipment and/or storage, and the specific identity of the preparation being purchased.

3. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting, and/or related in any way whatsoever to, the procurement of cardioplegic solution from NECP during the two-year period immediately preceding October 6, 2012, including without limitation of the foregoing, information reflecting dates of shipment and/or receipt, quantities of shipment, lot numbers and other identifying labels, sizes of containers of cardioplegic solution, the cost you paid for the cardioplegic solution, applicable warranties, shelf life, expiration dates, and requirements and instructions for shipment and/or storage. Also including prescriptions submitted to NECP, prescription order forms, NECP charges for cardioplegic solution (before and after any discounts applied).

4. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting, and/or related in any way whatsoever to, the procurement of ophthalmic solution from NECP during the two-year period immediately preceding October 6, 2012, including without limitation of the foregoing, information reflecting dates of shipment and/or receipt, quantities of shipment, lot numbers and other identifying labels, sizes of containers of ophthalmic solution, the cost you paid for the ophthalmic solution, applicable warranties, shelf life, expiration dates, and requirements and instructions for shipment and/or storage. Also including prescriptions submitted to NECP, prescription order forms, NECP charges for opthalmic solution (before and after any discounts applied).

5. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting, and/or related in any way whatsoever to, the procurement of preservative-free saline solution from NECP during the two-year period immediately preceding October 6, 2012, including without limitation of the

foregoing, information reflecting dates of shipment and/or receipt, quantities of shipment, lot numbers and other identifying labels, sizes of containers of saline solution, the cost you paid for the saline solution, applicable warranties, shelf life, expiration dates, and requirement and instructions for shipment and/or storage. Also including prescriptions submitted to NECP, prescription order forms, NECP charges for preservative-free saline solution (before and after any discounts applied).

6. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting, and/or related to, the identification of each and every patient that was administered an NECP product during the two-year period immediately preceding October 6, 2012, including patient name, address, date of birth, identification of product administered, and date product was administered.

7. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing communications (written or otherwise) between Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital ("Healthcare Provider"), its employees, principals, partners, and/or agents, and NECP, its employees and/or agents, during the two-year period immediately preceding October 6, 2012, including, but not limited to, any complaints or adverse event reports made to NECP by the Healthcare Provider.

8. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing information obtained by the Healthcare Provider, its employees and/or agents, regarding NECP, including without limitation of the foregoing, NECP's qualifications, certifications or accreditations, or lack thereof, regulatory compliance, lack of regulatory compliance, operations, enforcement actions, suitability for conducting its business, legal actions and/or warnings, brochures, policies and procedures, ordering and delivery information company overviews, standard operating procedures, executive summaries, attachments A, B or others (relating to HIPAA, NECP policies and procedures, or other information).

9. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing information obtained by, or communications received by, the Healthcare Provider, its employees and/or agents, concerning the fitness of any products purchased or obtained from NECP for their intended use, during the two-year period immediately preceding October 6, 2012, including but not limited to any environmental testing results, microbiology reports or certificates of analysis.

10. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing information obtained by, or sent to, the Healthcare Provider, its employees and/agents, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Federal Food and Drug Administration, and/or any other Federal, state or local regulatory agency, concerning the fitness of any products manufactured, compounded or produced by NECP for their intended purpose.

11. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing communications between the Healthcare Provider and any federal or state agency (including, but not limited to state licensing authorities, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in connection with the procurement of products from any compounding pharmacy.

12. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing marketing information from NECP, NECP's agents, or any sales company or person marketing, selling, or attempting to sell products on behalf of NECP.

13. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing agreements, contracts and/or warranties between the Healthcare Provider and NECP, NECP's agents, or any sales company or person marketing, selling, or attempting to sell products on behalf of NECP.

14. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing recall notices received by the Healthcare Provider pertaining to products produced by NECP, including without limitation of the foregoing, the date, time and manner of receipt of the recall notices, the specific person or persons within the Healthcare Provider who received the notice, and the substance of the notice.

15. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing communications made or issued by the Healthcare Provider, its employees and/or agents, in response to any recall notice regarding NECP products, including without limitation of the foregoing, the date, time and manner of transmission of the communication, the person(s) to which the communication was directed, and the person at the Healthcare Provider who made or delivered the communication.

16. Any and all documents regarding any investigation or inquiry the Healthcare Provider performed related to attempts by NECP to comply with United States Pharmacopeia – National Formulary, Chapter 797 (USP – NF General Chapter 797, entitled "Pharmaceutical Compounding – Sterile Preparations").

17. Any and all policies of insurance, including without limitation of the foregoing, professional liability, malpractice, products liability, general liability, and comprehensive or umbrella policies, issued to the Healthcare Provider and/or its principal officers and directors and/or any physician working for or on behalf of the Healthcare Provider, for the policy periods including calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

18. Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws applicable to the Healthcare Provider for calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

19. Any and all documents and/or ESI reflecting or containing the names, addresses and positions (President, Vice-President, Director, etc.) within the Healthcare Provider of all officers and directors of the Healthcare Provider during the calendar years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

20. Any and all documents showing the entities or individuals with an ownership interest in the Healthcare Provider.

21. Any and all organizational charts maintained by the Healthcare Provider and/or any documents listing directors, officers, employees, and/or agents of the Healthcare Provider showing the names and positions of said directors, officers, employees, and/or agents and their relationship or rank within the Healthcare Provider.

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN SURGICAL HOSPITAL SERVED WITH SUBPOENA IN LITIGATION INVOLVING MENINGITIS OUTBREAK

Discovery begins in cases consolidated in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 21, 2013
CONTACT: Marc E. Lipton, Telephone: 248-557-1688, E-mail: marc@liptonlaw.com

(Warren, MI) June 21, 2013. Today Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital, a pain management clinic in Warren, was served with a subpoena requiring it to turn over documents in its possession that could shed light on allegations that its patients received injections of tainted medication that led to serious illness.

The subpoena originated in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, which is overseeing the consolidation of most cases in Federal and state court alleging personal injury or wrongful death as a result of the contaminated injections. The subpoena was issued by attorneys working in conjunction with a seven-member Plaintiffs' Steering Committee appointed by the District Court to initiate, coordinate and conduct all pretrial discovery of plaintiffs in all actions pending in that court. The purpose of the subpoena is to investigate facts material to ongoing proceedings in the consolidated cases in Massachusetts, and does not necessarily indicate wrongdoing on the part of the clinic. The issuance of the subpoena should not be interpreted as an allegation of wrongdoing on the part of the clinic.

Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital was one of many clinics nationwide identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as having purchased and administered vials of contaminated methylprednisolone acetate ("MPA") that were produced by New England Compounding Pharmacy, Inc. (NECP) of Framingham, Massachusetts. This is one of many subpoenas being served nationwide on most of the approximately 76 clinics across the country that have been identified as having dispensed NECP products. The CDC has reported 264 cases of fungal meningitis infection, linked to the tainted compound, in the State of Michigan alone.

The subpoena requires Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital to produce for examination or copying, documents and communications between the clinic and NECP, including information reflecting purchasing decisions, items purchased, dates, quantities, pricing, storage of the medication and more.

According to Marc E. Lipton, this subpoena signals the next step of an ongoing investigation of the role clinics like Insight Imaging played in the distribution of contaminated medication. "We believe the information we receive from Insight Imaging will help us understand how the outbreak of fungal meningitis infections occurred," Marc E. Lipton said.

The outbreak of fungal meningitis infections is the worst such outbreak in U.S. history. The CDC has recorded more than 700 infections nationwide, and has not ruled out the possibility that this number will continue to grow.

As a result of the large number of actual and anticipated civil lawsuits arising from the outbreak, NECP filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United State Bankruptcy Code, in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Massachusetts, on December 21, 2012. On February 12, 2013, the United States Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered the consolidation of all Federal cases in the U.S. District Court in Massachusetts.

On April 9, 2013 the Hon. F. Dennis Saylor, IV, presiding United States District Court Judge, appointed the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, of which Thomas M. Sobol, an attorney with the firm Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, is lead counsel. Marc E. Lipton is working with the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee to organize the litigation in the State of Michigan.

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